

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A spin valve transistor, comprising:
2 a collector comprising a III-IV semiconductor;
3 a first spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited over the collector;
4 a spacer disposed over the first spin valve;
5 a second spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited over the spacer;
6 a tunnel barrier layer disposed over the second spin valve; and
7 an emitter disposed over the tunnel barrier layer.
- 1 2. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the first and second spin
2 valves each comprise a pinned layer, the pinned layers being pinned 180° out of phase to
3 provide differential detection.
- 1 3. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the first and second spin
2 valves comprises a first magnetic layer, a non-magnetic layer disposed over the first
3 magnetic layer and a second magnetic layer disposed over the non-magnetic layer.
- 1 4. The spin valve transistor of claim 3, wherein the first and second magnetic
2 layers comprise an iron film.
- 1 5. The spin valve transistor of claim 4, wherein the non-magnetic layer
2 comprises a gold film.

1 6. The spin valve transistor of claim 3, wherein the non-magnetic layer
2 comprises a gold film.

1 7. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the collector comprises an n-
2 GaAs substrate.

1 8. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the spacer comprises a
2 (100)—oriented layer of gold.

1 9. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the tunnel barrier layer
2 comprises a layer of Al_2O_3 .

1 10. The spin valve transistor of claim 1, wherein the emitter comprises a layer
2 of aluminum disposed over the tunnel barrier layer and a layer of gold disposed over the
3 aluminum.

1 11. A magnetic storage device, comprising:
2 at least one magnetic storage medium;
3 a motor for moving the at least one magnetic storage medium;
4 a magnetoresistive sensor for reading data on the at least one magnetic storage
5 medium, and
6 an actuator assembly, coupled to the ballistic magnetoresistive sensor, for moving
7 the ballistic magnetoresistive sensor relative to the at least one magnetic storage medium;
8 wherein the magnetoresistive sensor further comprising a spin valve transistor, the
9 spin valve transistor including:
10 a collector comprising a III-IV semiconductor;
11 a first spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited over the
12 collector;
13 a spacer disposed over the first spin valve;
14 a second spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited over the
15 spacer;
16 a tunnel barrier layer disposed over the second spin valve; and
17 an emitter disposed over the tunnel barrier layer.

1 12. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the first and second spin
2 valves each comprise a pinned layer, the pinned layers being pinned 180° out of phase to
3 provide differential detection.

1 13. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the first and second spin
2 valves comprises a first magnetic layer, a non-magnetic layer disposed over the first
3 magnetic layer and a second magnetic layer disposed over the non-magnetic layer.

1 14. The magnetic storage device of claim 13, wherein the first and second
2 magnetic layers comprise an iron film.

1 15. The magnetic storage device of claim 14, wherein the non-magnetic layer
2 comprises a gold film.

1 16. The magnetic storage device of claim 13, wherein the non-magnetic layer
2 comprises a gold film.

1 17. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the collector comprises
2 an n-GaAs substrate.

1 18. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the spacer comprises a
2 (100)—oriented layer of gold.

1 19. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the tunnel barrier layer
2 comprises a layer of Al_2O_3 .

1 20. The magnetic storage device of claim 11, wherein the emitter comprises a
2 layer of aluminum disposed over the tunnel barrier layer and a layer of gold disposed
3 over the aluminum.

1 21. A method for forming a spin valve transistor, comprising:
2 forming a collector comprising a III-IV semiconductor;
3 forming a first spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited over the
4 collector;
5 forming a spacer over the first spin valve;
6 forming a second spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals over the spacer;
7 forming a tunnel barrier layer over the second spin valve; and
8 forming an emitter over the tunnel barrier layer.

1 22. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the first and
2 second spin valves further comprises forming a pinned layer pinned 180° out of phase in
3 each of the first and second spin valves to provide differential detection.

1 23. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the first and
2 second spin valves further comprises forming a first magnetic layer, forming a non-
3 magnetic layer over the first magnetic layer and forming a second magnetic layer
4 disposed over the non-magnetic layer.

1 24. The spin valve transistor of claim 23, wherein the forming the first and
2 second magnetic layers further comprises forming a first and second iron film.

1 25. The spin valve transistor of claim 24, wherein the forming the non-
2 magnetic layer further comprises forming a gold film.

1 26. The spin valve transistor of claim 23, wherein the forming the non-
2 magnetic layer further comprises forming a gold film.

1 27. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the collector
2 further comprises forming an n-GaAs substrate.

1 28. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the spacer
2 further comprises forming a (100)—oriented layer of gold.

1 29. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the tunnel
2 barrier layer further comprises forming a layer of Al_2O_3 .

1 30. The spin valve transistor of claim 21, wherein the forming the emitter
2 further comprises forming a layer of aluminum over the tunnel barrier layer and forming
3 a layer of gold over the aluminum.

1 31. A spin valve transistor, comprising:
2 means for providing a collector comprising a III-IV semiconductor;
3 means for providing a first spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited
4 over the means for providing a collector;
5 means for providing a spacer disposed over the means for providing a first spin
6 valve;
7 means for providing a second spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals deposited
8 over the means for providing a spacer;
9 means for providing a tunnel barrier layer disposed over the means for providing a
10 second spin valve; and
11 means for providing an emitter disposed over the means for providing a tunnel
12 barrier layer.

1 32. A magnetic storage device, comprising:
2 means for recording magnetic data thereon;
3 means for moving the means for recording magnetic data;
4 means for reading data on the means for recording magnetic data; and
5 means, coupled to the means for reading, for moving the means for reading
6 relative to the means for storing data, wherein the means for reading further comprising:
7 means for providing a collector comprising a III-IV semiconductor;
8 means for providing a first spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals
9 deposited over the means for providing a collector;
10 means for providing a spacer disposed over the means for providing a first
11 spin valve;
12 means for providing a second spin valve comprising (100)-oriented metals
13 deposited over the means for providing a spacer;
14 means for providing a tunnel barrier layer disposed over the means for
15 providing a second spin valve; and
16 means for providing an emitter disposed over the means for providing a
17 tunnel barrier layer.